

Public Libraries and the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP): A Winning Partnership



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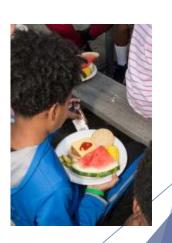
The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)

Is a federal program that provides free, healthy Summer meals for children and teens at eligible sites.

In 2018, 75 public libraries in KY were SFSP sites.







Who is eligible for SFSP?

Children and teens 18 years and under.

*A person 19 - 21 years who has a mental or physical disability and still participates in a school program is eligible.



What is a SFSP site?

A site is the physical location where children and teens eat.

A site must be in an eligible area.

(50% or more of the children living in the area must be eligible for free or reduced meals.

Check Qualifying Data on the KDE SFSP website.)

Most areas in Kentucky are eligible.





There were 2,572 KY SFSP sites in 2018!

At an eligible site:

ALL children and teens eat a healthy meal for free!



No sign ups or financial checks.





Libraries receive the meals for FREE from a sponsor. *Most school districts are sponsors.*

What is Countywide Eligibility?

For these counties, a site will qualify for SFSP anywhere in the county.

MOST counties in Kentucky are countywide eligible.

Is your county countwide eligible (CWE)?



County Wide Eligibility 2017

Adair County

Allen County

Ballard County

Barren County

Bath County

Bell County

Bourbon County

Boyd County

Bracken County

Breathitt County

Breckinridge County

Butler County

Graves County

Grayson County

Green County

Greenup County

Hancock County

Harlan County

Harrison County

Hart County

Henderson County

Henry County

Hickman County

Hopkins County

McCreary County

McLean County

Meade County

Menifee County

Mercer County

Metcalfe County

Monroe County

Montgomery County

Morgan County

Muhlenberg County

Nelson County

Nicholas County

continued County Wide Eligibility 2017

Caldwell County Jackson County Ohio County Jessamine County Carlisle County Owen County Carroll County Johnson County Owsley County Carter County Knott County Pendleton County Casey County Perry County Knox County Christian County Powell County Larue County Pulaski County Clark County Laurel County Robertson County Clay County Lawrence County Clinton County Lee County Rockcastle County Crittenden County Leslie County Rowan County Cumberland County Letcher County Russell County Shelby County Edmonson County Lewis County Elliott County Lincoln County Simpson County Estill County Livingston County Taylor County Fleming County Todd County Logan County Floyd County Lyon County Trigg County Franklin County Magoffin County Trimble County Fulton County Marion County Union County Gallatin County Marshall County Washington County Garrard County Martin County Wayne County **Grant County** Mason County Webster County Whitley County

Wolfe County

Examples of Sites









Why do we do this work?



Summer meals benefit children.

A meal plus enrichment- provides nutritious food plus access to books, reading activities and computers

Fights the dreaded Summer Slide.



Social interaction and less time in front of the TV.









The USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer













Public libraries, leading the fight against summer learning loss!

Summer Meal sites at public library sites nourish children's

minds and bodies.















Summer meals benefit libraries.

Children who are well nourished are more ready to read and retain information.

Draws new patrons and an opportunity to educate families about other library services

Creates and strengthens community partnerships

Great PR for the library